

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4837, Military Construction Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9365–S9394

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2813–2816, and S. Con. Res. 138. **Page S9386**

Measures Reported:

S. 1211, to further the purposes of title XVI of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, the “Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act”, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a demonstration program for water reclamation in the Tularosa Basin of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–347)

S. 1230, to provide for additional responsibilities for the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Homeland Security relating to geospatial information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–348)

S. 2347, to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permanently authorize the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–349)

S. 2536, to enumerate the responsibilities of the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security, to require the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to designate a senior official to investigate civil rights complaints, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–350)

S. 2483, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. (S. Rept. No. 108–351)

S. 2486, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance education, housing, employment, medical, and other benefits for veterans and to

improve and extend certain authorities relating to the administration or benefits for veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–352) **Pages S9385–86**

Measures Passed:

Military Construction Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. 185), Senate passed H.R. 4837, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hutchison, Burns, Craig, DeWine, Brownback, Stevens, Feinstein, Inouye, Johnson, Landrieu, and Byrd. **Page S9377**

Commending John W. Kluge: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 138, commending John W. Kluge for his dedication and commitment to the United States on the occasion of his 90th birthday. **Page S9392**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate request the House of Representatives return the papers with respect to H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. **Page S9391**

APPOINTMENTS:

Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–132, Section 128, appointed the following individual to the Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States: Admiral Anthony A. Less, of Virginia. **Page S9392**

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–170, appointed the following individual, Andrew J. Imparato, of Maryland, to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel. **Page S9392**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, an Executive Order that terminates the emergency declared in Executive Order 12543 with respect to the policies and actions of the government of Libya and revokes related Executive Orders; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–94) **Page S9383**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Stuart W. Holliday, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

John E. Sununu, of New Hampshire, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

A routine list in the Foreign Service. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Page S9394**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jesus H. Delgado-Jenkins, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Susan L. Moore, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 2005.

Routine lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Page S9394**

Nominations Discharged: The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, which was sent to the Senate on April 8, 2004, from the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2009, which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2004, from the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. **Page S9386**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—185) **Page 9375**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, September 21, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9394.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 333, to promote elder justice, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Porter J. Goss, of Florida, to be Director of Central Intelligence, after the nominee testified and answered further questions in his own behalf.

OLDER WORKERS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of older workers staying